Statement-III

Details of villages to be covered by BSNL during 2003-2004, State-Wise

Sl. No.	State	Villages to be covered during 2003-04
1.	Assam	6660
2.	Jharkhand	2320
3.	Himachal Pradesh	279
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	2515
5.	Madhya Pradesh	1
6.	Chhattisgarh	116
7.	Meghalaya	3566
8.	Mizoram	103
9.	Tripura	114
10.	Arunachal Pradesh	2674
11.	Manipur	1639
12.	Nagaland	363
13.	Orissa	5217
14.	Uttaranchal	3980
15.	Sikkim	53
	TOTAL:	**29600***

*Includes 18006 villages to be provided on Satellite media subjected to availability of equipment and funds.

Widening of NH-6

*75. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned funds for widening of National Highway No. 6 from Sambalpur to Bargarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) National Highway No. 6 in Orissa has already been widened to 2 lane. However, during last three years

improvement works amounting to Rs. 7.57 crores were sanctioned on Sambalpur - Chhattisgarh Border section of NH 6.

(b) and (c) Details enclosed at Statement.

Statement

List of sanctioned works on Sambalpur-Chhattisgarh border section (from Km. 0/0 to Km. 88/0) on NH-6 during last three years

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Job. No.	Date of sanction Original & Revised	Sanctioned Cost Original & Revised (Rs. in lakh)	Target of completion
1.	Improvement of Riding Quality from Km. 62/0 to Km. 75/0	006-ORS-2002-196	01.02.02	281.22	Completed in Sept., 2002
2.	Improvement of Riding Quality from Km. 29/0 to Km. 39/0	006-ORS-2002-212	12.07.02	220.20	Completed in Aug., 2003
3.	Improvement of Riding Quality from Km. 10/0 to Km. 13/0 & Km. 55/0 to Km. 62/0	006-ORS-2002-226	22.10.02	255.63	Completed in Jun., 2003
	TOTAL:			757.05	

Say Rs. 7.57 crore

Proposal to convert LoC into International Border

*76. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US and UK are keen that India and Pakistan agree to convert the Line of Control (LoC) into the International Border between the two countries to end the Kashmir dispute; and